CULTURE (Cont'd)

It is most helpful to weed and cultivate around your plants so the fertilizer will go down stairs to do its work rather than to feed the weeds or run off to help the man's grass next door.

Here's looking forward to a wet summer, a long comfortable fall and a winter no colder than 45 degrees.

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CLARIFICATION

This Seed Pod is actually not late, it's just that the customary issue is normally early.

INTERESTING LETTER

Dear Mrs. Wylie,

I was real glad that Florida did not get any more freezes this past winter after the severe one you had. I think we had one more, on Feb. 12, after I wrote to you in January. Although we had a total of five, they were not of long duration and with protection, most of my plants survived. Our Spring started early after the last freeze and it was lovely in the last half of February and all of March. April, however was very warm and averaged about 5 degrees over the seasonal normal with many windy days and no rain. In fact we had no rain to speak of since mid-December and with the winds and heat, things were looking quite bad. There were several days in April with temperatures in the 90's. On April 30, we got our first rain, and through May 6 we got almost 6 inches. Some came in three thunder-storms, but much of it came in slow showers. With the ground so parched and with the rains well spaced, most of the moisture went into the ground with very little run-off. Our farmers are jubilant and they should be.

Hibiscus-wise, I made it through the winter in very good shape although I had some loss due to the freezes and later some in the Spring. Some plants such as Con-Fu-Tse and Puu Ula must not have been very healthy for even with protection they didn't survive the cold. They defoliated little by little and then never came back. I also lost my only plants of Pan American and Bob Waegener in the Spring maybe to nematodes as I applied Nemagon too late. Fortunately I saw Pan Am fading and grafted a tip and it is now growing. I lost a few others such as Roosevelt High, Lynn Carol and Bill Stayton, but grafted tips of all so they may come out. The Bill Stayton is, I know.

The balance of my plants are still small but in fine shape. I have watered them with cistern water that I have from my folks home and it has helped tremendously. I have an abundance of bloom and have

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